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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - MCDONNELL DOUGLAS DC-10 DEMONSTRATION

REF: (A) STATE 237540 (B) CAIRO 8956

1. DC-10 DEMONSTRATION VISIT MUSCAT

NOV. 9 MARRED BY UNFORT-

UNATE FACT NEITHER MCDONNELL DOUGLAS NOR ALITALIA HAD REQUESTED LANDING/OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCE IN ADVANCE, CONTRARY TO INFO PARA 2 REF (A). OMANI CIVAIR OFFICIALS MADE POINTED COMMENTS COMPLAINING ABOUT THIS TO MCDONNELL DOUGLAS OFFICIALS (RIGHTLY SO) AND TO AMBASSADOR AND EMBOFFS DURING MID-DAY DEMONSTRATION FLIGHT AND COMPANY-HOSTED LUNCH WHICH FOLLOWED. DGCA AND HIS DEPUTY TOLD US THEY GRANTED CLEARANCE WHILE PLANE ENROUTE MUSCAT NOV 9 AS COURTESY AND ON BASIS AMBASSADOR'S LETTER STATING EMBASSY SUPPORT OF THIS COMMERCIAL PROMOTION.

2. ABOVE LETTER HAD BEEN SENT TO DGCA, ALSO IDENTICAL LETTER TO FOREIGN MINISTRY, AT REQUEST OF MCDONNELL DOUGLAS OFFICIAL FOX WHO VISITED MUSCAT BRIEFLY NOV. 5. LETTER SAID NOTHING

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RE CLEARANCES. FOX HAD GIVEN US NO HINT OF PROBLEM ON

THIS SCORE AND WE ASSUMED FROM REF (A) THIS ALREADY ACCOMPLISHED.
NO OTHER MCDONNELL DOUGLAS REP CONTACTED EMBASSY IN ADVANCE
TO PROVIDE PLANNED DETAILS OF DEMONSTRATION FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS
OR SALES PROMOTION, THOUGH FOX MENTIONED DISTRIBUTION OF
INVITATION CARDS BEING HANDLED BY A BAHRAIN-BASED PR FIRM
WHICH WOULD PROBABLY CONTACT US.

3. DESPITE THIS COMPANY/ALITALIA FUMBLE ON CLEARANCE
PROCEDURE AND AN UNEXPECTED NOV. 9 CABINET MEETING THAT
WIPE OUT POSSIBILITY OF MINISTERIAL PARTICIPATION, DC-10
FLIGHT AND LUNCHEON ATTENDED BY PERHAPS 35 OMANI, EXPATRIATE
AND DIPLOMATIC GUESTS WITH SUITABLE COOPERATION THOUGH NOT
ACTIVE PARTICIPATION BY CIVIL AIR OFFICIALS. SOME MCDONNELL
DOUGLAS REPS PLAN RETURN MUSCAT NEXT WEEKEND TO BE AROUND WHEN
GULF AVIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETS FOR FIRST TIME HERE AND
PERHAPS TAKES FINAL DECISION ON NEW WIDE-BODIED AIRCRAFT.

4. FOR CAIRO: REF (B) ARRIVED TOO LATE TO PASS TO DC-10
PARTY.
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